

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 43 and 59 through 66 are currently pending in the application and subject to an Election of Species Restriction Requirement.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the species of embodiment 1 as set forth in claims 1 through 8, 10 through 20, and 59 through 66, illustrated in drawing Figs. 1 through 5 and 9 through 12.

Applicant considers claim 1 to be generic.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant notes the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement herein on August 30, 2000 and notes that no copy of the PTO-1449 was returned with the outstanding Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests that the information cited on the PTO-1449 be made of record herein.

Preliminary Amendment

Applicant's undersigned attorney notes the filing herein of a Preliminary Amendment on April 5, 2001, which filing was not acknowledged in the outstanding Office Action. Should the Preliminary Amendment have failed for some reason to have been entered in the Office file, Applicant's undersigned attorney will be happy to have a true copy thereof hand-delivered to the Examiner.

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An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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